(a) whether it is a fact that privatisation of airports would adversely affect the internal security of the country; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Security of the airports will continue to remain vested with Government agencies, as at present, even after leasing of the airports. Further specific clauses on security aspects will be incorporated in the agreement to be entered into with the prospective operators to ensure fulfilment of all security related requirements.

Expenditure on advertisements by AI and IA

1686. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on giving advertisements in the newspapers and periodicals by Air India and Indian Airlines during 2000-2001; and

(b) the names of Urdu newspapers and periodicals to whom advertisements of the Air India and Indian Airlines were given during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Air India and Indian Airlines have spent Rs. 1.28 crore and Rs. 6.33 crore respectively on giving advertisement in Newspapers and periodicals duing 2000-2001;

(b) Details are as under:—

Air India:

(i) Secular Qadayat, Delhi (Magazine) and (ii) Siasat, Hyderabad (Newspaper).

Indian Airlines:

(i) Akhbar-a nau (Magazine); (ii) Akhbar-a-Mashriq (Newspaper); (iii) Hasan Ara Trust (Souvenir); (iv) Jadeed Markaz (Newspaper); (v) Khabardar Jadeed (Newspaper); (vi) Karawan (Newspaper); (vii) Lamha-e-Fikriyah (Newspaper); (viii) Mustaqbil (Newspaper); (ix) Mashriqui Jaraim (Newspaper); (x) Sahafat Urdu Daily (Newspaper); (xi) Secular Qadayat (Magazine); (xii) Saze-e-Deccan (Newspaper); (xiii) Siasat (Newspaper); (xiv) Siyasi Minar (Newspaper); and (xv) Such-Bilkul-Such (Newspaper).